

KOLCHAKIN PLEA FOR ALLIED HELP Russian Dictator at Omsk Wants America to Take Over Railroad at Once

CALLS FOR ASSEMBLY Signs Decree for All-Russian Election at "Earliest Practicable Minute"

By the Associated Press Omsk, Central Siberia, Jan. 15.—The destiny of Russia can be decided only by a national constituent assembly.

Later, he informed representatives of the Entente Powers that the Trans-Siberian railway to be turned over to an international technical commission over which John F. Stevens would be chairman.

Looks Like Man of Power He gives the general impression of a man of power and of iron will. He explained that the two great necessities of Russia are the creation of an army and the destruction of Bolshevism.

Admiral Kolchak considers that a dictatorate over the country is not feasible. First, because the military situation demands that power be placed in the hands of one man, and second, because some members are partisan and use their influence to discredit the army.

Friends of Admiral Kolchak give him the title of "constitutional dictator." He said his aim in appointing these leaders is to create a responsible government.

Army Must Have Supplies Asked if the Allied and American intervention, he said. "It was just getting to that Russia today is terribly disorganized."

"But any Allied military or economic help depends on the maintenance of railroads, which are being sabotaged."

Discussing General Semenov, he said vehemently that Semenov was a local leader who was unimportant, but added that the Powers had intervened and that therefore the controversy now was an international question.

In closing the interview, Admiral Kolchak voiced gratitude for the assistance American had given to Russia and said that he prayed for its continuance.

John Boothby, secretary of the American embassy in Washington, has been appointed Foreign Minister of the Omsk Government. He emphasizes the urgent need of supplies of clothing and ammunition, and says that because of their lack 20 per cent of the troops are forced to return from the front.

Charged With Robbery Peter McCarthy, Seventeenth street near Race, was held without bail in court by Magistrate Fenwick today on the charge of highway robbery.

Held on Gambling Charge William Rose, Fairmount avenue near Sixteenth street, and Charles Jones, proprietor of a cigar store at 2914 South Tenth street, were held in \$100 bail each for a sure today by Magistrate Fenwick, charged with maintaining the gambling law.

JOURNALISTS UP IN ARMS AT PEACE PARLEY SECRECY

Recrudescence of Policy That Marked Congress of Vienna Seen. American Press Delegation Charges Unfairness and Backs British Protest

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by the N. Y. Times Co. Paris, Jan. 16.—After all that has been promised concerning open discussion in the making of peace, steps were taken at yesterday's session of the Inter-Allied conference which show that the whole intent is to keep the people of the world in the dark as to what is being done behind the closed doors of the Quai d'Orsay.

Some of those connected with the conference construe the resolution as meaning that they are to be barred from seeing members of the press. The whole spirit of the action taken is contrary to every respect to the assurances given to the American people and already a feeling of discouragement and indignation is displayed among newspapermen.

U.S. POLES MAY DEFEND WARSAW

Oulahan Says Divisions Organized Here Will Be Sent to Poland

BARRIER TO BOLSHEVIKI Allies Anxious to Strengthen New Republic So as to Halt Tide of Red Terror

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by the N. Y. Times Co. Paris, Jan. 15.—President Wilson's conference on Tuesday with Lloyd George, Raftour and Bour Law is believed to have cemented the understanding between the military divisions of the British and American governments concerning measures necessary to check the spread of Bolshevism, which is regarded as the most important issue for the Allies to consider at the present time.

It now appears virtually certain that the two Polish divisions which were organized in the United States will be sent from France to Poland to operate against the Bolshevist forces which are endangering the stability of the government of that country.

Representatives of the United States continue to deny statements published in the Paris newspapers and repeated in the French press, according to which President Wilson has agreed that American troops should go to Poland with the Polish divisions.

The main object of both governments is to arrange world affairs so that their spread forces may be demobilized in the United States and the troops be sent back into the channels of peacetime industry at home.

In a measure, it is understood, the willingness of the American and British plenipotentiaries that the Polish divisions should be employed in checking Bolshevism in Poland is in connection with the agreement at the meeting of the Supreme War Council with the heads of the peace delegations on Sunday, that an ill was impossible effecting the withdrawal of Russian troops from the Baltic region.

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EBERT'S PRESTIGE GROWS Firm Stand Impresses Population of the Rhineland

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by the N. Y. Times Co. Coblenz, Jan. 16.—The firm stand taken by the Berlin Government against the Spartacists has made a deep impression on the people in the Rhineland and feelings of renewed confidence are being manifested everywhere.

NEW U.S. POLICY TO AD SHIPING

Government Adopts Hurley Idea to Write Off \$1,000,000 Excess Costs

YARDS MAY BE INCLUDED Represented as Only Escape From Wage-Cutting to Make Marine Profitable

By the Associated Press Paris, Jan. 16.—American shipping will be enabled to make rates in successful competition with the shipping nations and keep the seas open to the great business development expected with the end of the war, under the proposed new policy of the United States Government, it was learned here today.

Formulated by E. N. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board, after an extensive investigation, this policy, which has been approved officially, purposes to write off virtually \$1,000,000 of the cost of building all shipping built in the war period and probably a proportionate write-off from the valuations of American shipyards.

Will Obligate Wage Cut This reduction in shipping values to an after-the-war basis has been chosen rather than a policy calling for reductions in wages.

Officials were convinced, after extensive study, that one of the United States was to compete with foreign nations under the high standard established by Congress in 1917. Following an official outline of the new policy, which is considered of great importance to American business and of American shipping, the American shipping board part of the ocean traffic.

The proposed reduction should put American shipping on an adequate post-war footing, it was stated. Similar methods, it is said, might well be applied to a reduction in the value of American shipping.

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The difference in wages should not be vital to the question of rates and such difference would not be a controlling factor in the cost of operations of the United States shipping.

REQUISITIONING SHIPS ARE BEING RETURNED New York, Jan. 16.—(By A. P.)—All American ships that were requisitioned during the war are being returned to their owners with the exception of those actually requisitioned in the service of the United States.

CARRANZA WARNS MEXICANS Fears Attempt by Reactionaries to Elect President

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by the N. Y. Times Co. Mexico City, Jan. 16.—President Carranza has declared to the public, through his declaration that he will resign at the end of his term, declaring that it is not yet time to start a campaign for the election of a future President.

GIBBS TO TOUR U. S. Noted War Correspondent Plans Lecture Trip Here

Wireless to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by the N. Y. Times Co. London, Jan. 16.—Philip Gibbs, who spent his last year during the war as a correspondent for the British press in France, his departure for London today, in the Express, says that he will visit the United States in a series of lectures for the purpose of raising funds for the Red Cross.

AMERICAN TROOPS ANXIOUS TO RETURN HOME AT ONCE

Doughboys Not Interested in Pacifying Russia, Balancing Europe or Settling Peace Details When Home Calls Them—War Won, Work Done, Their View

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by the N. Y. Times Co. Paris, Jan. 16.—Our soldiers want to go home. With the exception of comparatively few adventurous spirits, who would not mind being Germany or even tackling Russia, our men are eager to get back to America.

They argue that it is not justifiable to keep them here to do police duty or to furnish a basis of establishing some kind of balance in Europe, or to put down anarchy in Russia, or to occupy Germany or even to help establish a league of nations.

The latter should be a question of European Europe. If we cannot persuade Europe to adopt American ideas and ideals, then we should leave Europe to work her own salvation in her own way, and we should be sending all possible aid, moral and material, from the other side of the Atlantic.

It is argued that the presence here of the American army creates an artificial situation, which prevents the operation

LE DIMISSIONI DEL CABINETTO ITALIANO L'onorevole Orlando ha Ricevuto l'incarico di Ricomporre il Ministero

ROMA, 16 gennaio.—L'intero Gabinetto Italiano ha rassegnato le dimissioni. L'onorevole Vittorio Emanuele Orlando ha ricevuto l'incarico di ricomporre il Ministero ed ex-presidente del consiglio dei ministri, sarà uno dei Delegati alla Conferenza della Pace, secondo il "Giornale d'Italia".

Un disappunto da Milano reaga che in questa città, nell'Asa Magna del Liceo Secolare, ha avuto luogo un imponente comizio per affermare l'italianità della Dalmazia.

REDS ENDANGER AUSTRIA Radical Elements Plan Union for Political Action

Wireless to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by the N. Y. Times Co. Geneva, Jan. 16.—Although political developments in the States which formerly composed the empire of the Hapsburgs seem peaceful enough in comparison with the outbreak of Bolshevism in Germany, there are certain signs that a storm is also brewing in German-Austria, Hungary and even Bolshevism.

English Miners Increase Demands London, Jan. 16.—The Southport Miners' Federation, which demanded on Wednesday that the Government should increase the price of coal, has decided by a majority of more than two to one to demand an advance of 20 per cent over present wages, rather than 10 per cent.

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CROSBY QUITS EUROPEAN POST Resigns as U. S. Finance Commissioner to Advise Peace Mission

U. S. RADIO CONTROL SHELVED House Committee Postpones Action on Administration Bill

WORLD LEAGUE HEADS PROGRAM

Priority Assured Wilson's Plan to Block Wars in Future

ADDRESS BY POINCARÉ French President Will Open Plenary Sessions of Conference Saturday

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by the N. Y. Times Co. Paris, Jan. 16.—President Poincaré will deliver on Saturday next a speech declaring the preliminary and plenary sessions of the Peace Conference open.

Principles Broadly Drawn The idea which obtains at present is that the declaration of principles in which the league is to give practical form shall be broadly drawn, so as not to provoke discussion at the outset.

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